

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on May 19, 2005 (paper no. 05162005), the Examiner required restriction to one of five groups of claims:

I.	Claims 1-9
II.	Claims 10-20
III.	Claims 21-24
IV.	Claims 25-34
V.	Claims 35-38

In response, applicants hereby elect Group I. Applicants further amend claim 1 and 10 to correct typographical errors. Applicants further amend claim 35 to make it dependent upon claim 1, and submit that this amendment makes claims 35-38 eligible to be included in elected Group I. Applicants further present new claim 39, which applicants submit is eligible for inclusion in elected Group I based upon its similarity to claim 1.

In view of the similarity of claim 10, included in Group II, to claim 1, included in Group I, applicants submit that the search and examination of Groups I and II together can be made without serious burden, irrespective of whether these groups include claims to independent or distinct inventions. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner combine the claims of Group II into elected Group I for examination in accordance with MPEP § 803.01.

Applicants further present new claims 40-44. Based upon the similarity of new claims 40-44 to claims 10-14, included in Group II, applicants respectfully submit that these new claims qualify for inclusion in Group II, and should be similarly combined into Group I.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 249768042US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated:

6/28/05

Respectfully submitted,

By

Steven D. Lawrenz

Registration No.: 37,376

PERKINS COIE LLP

P.O. Box 1247

Seattle, Washington 98111-1247

(206) 359-8000

(206) 359-7198 (Fax)

Attorney for Applicant